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### *Annual Award Recognizes Carnahan's Leadership on Behalf of Family Farmers, Ranchers And Rural Communities*

(WASHINGTON, DC) - The National Farmers Union has awarded Congressman Russ Carnahan (MO-3) with their highest legislative honor in recognition of his leadership on issues important to family farmers, ranchers and rural communities.

**"I'll never forget my first job as a kid growing up on our family's farm in Rolla, Missouri, stacking hay bales in the middle of summer," Carnahan said. "When you've had that kind of upbringing, you can't help but understand the unique challenges facing family farmers and rural communities. And I think that perspective is one of the reasons I'm so committed to helping those farming communities in Missouri."**

The Farmers Union "Golden Triangle" Award is presented each year to select members of Congress in recognition of outstanding leadership on issues affecting rural America. Carnahan was one of 50 lawmakers honored at an event yesterday attended by over 200 family farmers from across the country.

**"These leaders were selected because they exhibit similar principles and policies of Farmers Union and have been exemplary advocates for family farmers and ranchers,"** said NFU President Roger Johnson.

**"We are pleased to honor those who have proven to be true allies of our organization and our members across the country."**

The Golden Triangle Award is based on NFU's symbol - a triangle with "legislation" and

"cooperation" forming the sides and "education" the base. The Golden Triangle Awards have been presented annually since 1988.

The National Farmers Union has been working since 1902 to protect and enhance the economic well-being and quality of life for family farmers, ranchers and rural communities through advocating grassroots-driven policy positions adopted by its membership.

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